

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for manufacturing a magnetic recording medium comprising:
laminating a non-magnetic under-layer on a non-magnetic substrate;
laminating a magnetic layer on said under-layer by
 - (i) exposing to an atmosphere of oxygen-containing gas and forming an oxide layer on a surface,
 - (ii) depositing a magnetic layer component comprising ferromagnetic grains and grain boundaries surrounding said grains,
 - (iii) repeating the procedures (i) and (ii) predetermined times, and
 - (iv) exposing to said atmosphere of oxygen-containing gas and forming an oxide layer on a surface;laminating a protective film on said magnetic layer; and
laminating a liquid lubricant layer on said protective film.
2. The method for manufacturing a magnetic recording medium according to claim 2, wherein each step is performed without heating said substrate in advance.